

**MINUTES**  
**COASTAL LAND ADVISORY BOARD**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006**

**I. Call to Order and opening remarks.**

The first meeting of the Coastal Land Advisory Board met on April 5, 2006 in the Stephen F. Austin Building, Austin, Texas with board members Jerry Patterson, Chairman of the Board and Commissioner of the General Land Office (GLO); Elizabeth Jones, Commissioner of the Texas Railroad Commission; and John Johnson, Commissioner of the Texas Transportation Commission. Commissioner Patterson called the meeting to order and introduced Sam Webb, GLO Deputy Commissioner of the Coastal Resources Division. Mr. Webb offered a welcome and reviewed the meeting agenda.

**II. Introduction to Minerals Management Service**

Mr. Webb introduced Stephanie Gambino of the Minerals Management Service (MMS), who provided an overview of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). The Energy Policy Act of 2005 amended Section 31 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to create CIAP. Under Section 384 of the Act, MMS will disburse \$250 million for each fiscal year 2007 through 2010 to eligible producing states and coastal political subdivisions, based on qualified outer continental shelf revenues. As a producing state, Texas is eligible to receive CIAP funds.

**III. Discussion of MMS Guidance Document**

Ms. Gambino discussed the MMS Guidance Document that was provided to participating states and coastal political subdivisions on March 6, 2006. MMS is requesting that comments to the document be submitted to MMS by April 27, 2006. A final guidance document will be prepared by the end of September 2006. MMS will begin accepting state CIAP plans for review in October 2006. State plans are due no later than July 1, 2008, although MMS prefers that plans be submitted by July 2007.

CIAP funding will be administered through a grant process that is still in development. MMS will determine 2007 and 2008 fiscal year funding by April 15, 2007.

**IV. Introduction to Governor's Office**

This item was skipped as the representative from the Governor's Office was unable to attend.

**V. Staff Update**

Kathy Smartt, CIAP Team Leader with the GLO, provided a short presentation on CIAP as it applies to Texas and advised the Board of work currently underway by CIAP staff. The GLO has established a CIAP website that will be continually updated with new information as it becomes available. As the designated administering agency for CIAP,

the GLO has begun accepting public comments on the MMS draft guidance document. The guidance document may be found at [www.glo.state.tx.us/coastal/ciap](http://www.glo.state.tx.us/coastal/ciap).

Commissioner Johnson inquired as to how the 2005 CIAP compared to the 2001 CIAP. Ms. Smartt responded that under the 2001 CIAP, the state received \$26 million; approximately \$17 million was awarded to the state, and \$9 million was awarded to the 18 coastal counties.

In order to avoid duplication, Commissioner Jones stated that the Board needs to be aware of the projects to be awarded directly to the coastal counties. Ms. Gambino stated that the county projects must be included in the state plan.

Commissioner Jones asked whether dollar amounts could change for projects. Ms. Gambino responded that it was possible since only project estimates would be included in the state plan.

Ms. Smartt concluded by advising the Board that CIAP staff would submit the draft state plan to the Board by the end of the year.

#### **VI. Public Comment/Questions**

As the meeting concluded, Patterson asked for public comment. Sidney McClendon, representing the West Galveston Island Property Owners Association, and Linda Shead, representing the Trust for Public Land, thanked the GLO, its staff, and Commissioner Patterson for support of the McAllis Point acquisition project on Galveston Island.

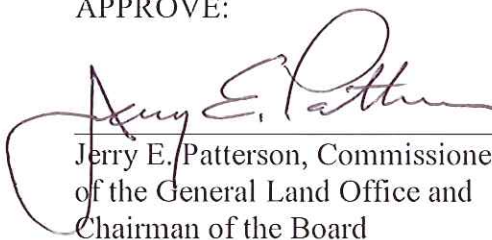
There being no further business before the Coastal Land Advisory Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

ATTEST:



Kathy Smartt  
CIAP Team Leader

APPROVE:



Jerry E. Patterson, Commissioner  
of the General Land Office and  
Chairman of the Board